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## EXCISE DEPARTMENT

### NOTIFICATION

The 4th May 2006

**S.R.O. No. 143/2006**—Whereas a number of persons died in Rambha area of Ganjam District from the 16th March 2006 to the 22nd March 2006 and in Golabandha area of the same district on the 23rd and 24th April, 2006, as a result of consumption of spurious country liquor sold by unlicensed dealers;

And whereas the State Government are deeply concerned with the incident and are of the opinion that this being a definite matter of public importance should be enquired into by a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952 (60 of 1952) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act);

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 3 read with sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the said Act, the State Government do hereby appoint a Commission of Inquiry consisting of Sri Justice Prasanna Kumar Patra a Retired Judge of the Orissa High Court as the sole member (hereinafter referred to as the said Commission) to enquire into and report in respect of the following matters within three months from the date of publication of this notification in the *Orissa Gazette*, namely :—

- (a) The sequence of events leading to the consumption of spurious country liquor and the consequent deaths ;
- (b) Source of the spurious country liquor for which the death took place and person/ persons responsible for the supply and sale of the spurious country liquor ;
- (c) Whether trade in illicit liquor or spurious country liquor was being carried on with political patronage or under the patronage of persons occupying public position or authority, past or present and if so the nature of nexus between such persons in public position or authority and the traders and the manner in which such trader

was assisted, abetted or provided protection for carrying on the illicit trade in liquor ;

- (d) Involvement or negligence, if any, of the field staff of Excise and Police Departments in the matter of timely detection and prevention of such malpractices and offences ;
- (e) Suggestions regarding remedial measures to prevent similar occurrence in future ; and
- (f) Any other facts, which come to notice during inquiry.

The said Commission may also perform such other functions as are necessary or incidental to the enquiry.

The Headquarters of the said Commission shall be at Bhubaneswar, but the Commission may hold inquiry at Chhatrapur or Berhampur or any other place, as may be necessary, for the purpose of inquiry.

Further, the State Government do hereby direct that the provisions of sub-section (2), (3), (4) and (5) of Section 5 of the said Act shall be applicable to the said Commission.

[ No.-2544-Ex.]

By order of the Governor

A. K. SAMANTARAY

Principal Secretary to Government